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constitution, although we don't formally have that certain, basic fundamental rights. That illiterate nonsense holds the same dignity and majesty as anything in the constitution. And you think I want to make it easier for that to happen? No, I have too much personal pride. I'm opposed to what Senator Beutler and Senator Schimek are attempting to do. Although they didn't couch their amendments in illiteracies, I think they have an obligation to do so.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Before we proceed to the next speaker, Mr. Clerk, did you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Senator Pedersen, amendments to (LB) 138 to be printed; Senator Kristensen, (LB) 389; Senator Chambers, (LB) 278; Senator Kristensen, (LB) 476; Senator Hilgert, (LB) 861A. Senator Bohlke offers (LR) 123, a study resolution. New A bills, (LB) 269A, by Senator Kristensen. (Read by title for the first time.) And (LB) 590A, by Senator Withem. (Read by title for the first time.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. Thank you. (See pages 1847-50 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next speaker on the Schimek amendment, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I want to address the four issues that we have discussed thus far. The first one is that this is a radical change. Let's just assume that the amendment gets passed as is, as written without the Schimek or without the Beutler amendments. The constitution is going to say that petitions shall be executed...or shall execute their signatures before such person and at such location as provided by law, period. In all cases the petition shall be signed by not less than three, but that's the numbers, and the numbers aren't the issue right now in terms of counties, okay. We're talking about numbers within a county. If you pass the amendment as it is today, what changes? How is that radical? What's radical is what the legislative proposal may be in the future. What says in the constitution that you sign a petition by going out on a street corner and signing a piece of paper and turning it in at the county clerk? Is there anything in the constitution that says